

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

ASHFAQ HUSSAIN SYED, SHELLY RENEE )  
BRANCH, A.M.S., by Next Friend Ashfaq )  
Hussain Syed, and N.G.S., by Next Friend )  
Ashfaq Hussain Syed, )  
Plaintiffs, ) Case No. 4:20-cv-00407-AGF  
v. )  
FRONTIER AIR LINES, INC.; HALLMARK )  
AVIATION SERVICES, L.P. )  
Defendants. )  
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**PARTIES' AGREED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

1. All written materials produced or disclosed by the parties in this litigation (including but not limited to documents, answers to interrogatories, responses to requests for admission, and deposition testimony) which a party believes, in good faith, contain sensitive security information, personal health information, trade secrets, proprietary information, research, technical, commercial, or financial information, or other confidential material (including without limitation, the identity of Plaintiffs A.M.S and N.G.S., Minors), shall be designated as confidential by affixing a label to all pages of the document with the legend "CONFIDENTIAL - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER." By entering this Agreed Protective Order, the Court does not intend to create any presumption about the actual confidentiality of any material, or to alter the normal burden of proof necessary for obtaining a protective order from the Court. Any dispute among the parties as to the confidentiality of any specific material will be resolved pursuant to Paragraph 3 of this Agreed Protective Order.

2. For the purposes of this Agreed Protective Order, the term "this litigation" shall include the above-captioned case and any claim for damage or other relief, however denominated, brought in any court, without limitation, involving or in any way relating to the July 15, 2018 incidents described by Plaintiffs ASHFAQ HUSSAIN SYED, SHELLY RENEE BRANCH, A.M.S., by Next Friend Ashfaq Hussain Syed, and N.G.S. by Next Friend Ashfaq Hussain Syed, in their Complaint or as described in any cross-claim, counterclaim, or third-party complaint filed in the above-captioned case (the "Incident").

3. If any party believes that any material produced does not contain confidential information, it may, at any time, contest the applicability of this Agreed Protective Order to such material by notifying the attorneys for the party producing the material and identifying the material contested. Upon such notification, the attorneys for the producing party shall have thirty days in which to make a specific Motion for Protective Order with respect to such material. As to any contested material for which such a motion is not made or the requested relief is not granted, such material shall be deemed outside the scope of this Agreed Protective Order. The party claiming confidential or protected status will have the burden of establishing the same for any documents or information produced or created. Until the Court rules on the challenge, all parties shall continue to treat the materials as confidential under the terms of this Agreed Protective Order.

4. A party's attorney may distribute protected materials or share information obtained from protected materials with the following categories of persons, and no other, except by further order of the Court:

- a. parties in this litigation and their insurers;
- b. members of the legal or support staff of the parties' attorney's offices;
- c. individuals that may be deposed in this action;

- d. consultants retained by a party or party's attorney to assist in the evaluation, preparation, or testimony in this litigation but only after such persons have completed the certification contained in Exhibit A, Nondisclosure Agreement;
- e. the Court and Court personnel, including stenographic reporters engaged in any court or judicial proceeding as are necessarily incidental to the preparation or trial of this litigation; and
- f. any other persons as the parties to this litigation agree to in writing or as the Court determines.

5. Nothing in this Agreed Protective Order will prevent a party from using information or documents produced by another party pursuant to this Order during mediation, arbitration, deposition, trial, or any other proceeding in this litigation.

6. In the event that any person is asked a question at a deposition with respect to which a party asserts that the answer requires the disclosure of Confidential Information, such question shall nonetheless be answered by the witness fully and completely, subject to other objections or instructions asserted by counsel. Prior to answering, however, all persons, other than the witness, who are not allowed to obtain Confidential Information as set forth in this Protective Order shall leave the room during the time in which this information is disclosed or discussed. In the alternative, with respect to Confidential Information, counsel for the designating party may, within ten (10) business days after receipt of the deposition transcript (and videotape as applicable), notify counsel, on the record or in writing, that the information disclosed has been designated Confidential. Those portions of the deposition that are so designated shall be filed separately and under seal with the Court whenever the deposition is so filed. In order to facilitate such designations, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the designating party, all deposition transcripts shall be treated as though the entire transcript has

been designated pursuant to the terms of this order until ten (10) business days after receipt of the transcript.

7. All materials filed with the Court that contain or make reference to designated confidential information shall be filed under seal and shall be available for inspection only by the Court, the Court's staff, counsel of record to the parties, and necessary employees of such counsel until further order of Court, except as otherwise agreed by the parties. All filings shall be filed with and maintained by the Court under seal in accordance with the requirements and procedures set forth in the Court's Local Rules.

8. If any person subject to this Agreed Protective Order is (a) served with a subpoena in another action, (b) served with requests for production of documents, interrogatories, or any other type of formal or informal demand in another action to which he or she is a party, or (c) served with any other legal process or paper by one not a party to this litigation seeking or requesting disclosure of confidential information, that person shall give prompt written notice of such event to counsel of record for the producing party and shall object to its production. Upon receipt of written notice, the producing party shall advise the person who is to respond to the subpoena, demand, or other legal process of its position. Thereafter, the producing party shall assume the responsibility for preserving and prosecuting any objection to the subpoena, demand, or other legal process. The person served shall be obligated to cooperate to the extent necessary to preserve the confidentiality of the proprietary or confidential information.

Should the person seeking access to the confidential information take action to enforce such a subpoena, demand, or other legal process, the person so served shall set forth in their response the existence of this Agreed Protective Order. Nothing herein shall be construed as requiring the receiver to challenge or appeal any order requiring production of confidential information, or to subject himself

or herself to any penalties for noncompliance with any legal process or order, or to seek any relief from the court.

9. Inadvertent production by any party of a document containing attorney-client communications, attorney work-product, other privileged information, confidential information, or proprietary information shall not constitute a waiver of privilege. Any such document and any copies made of it shall be returned to the producing party immediately upon request.

10. The terms of this Agreed Protective Order shall apply automatically to actions arising from the Incident which are later filed in, removed to, or transferred to this Court, or consolidated with this litigation.

11. Upon being contacted by a party's attorney following the final conclusion of all aspects of this litigation, each party's attorney will provide the producing party's attorney with a copy of all signed Nondisclosure Agreements (Exhibit A) within 30 days of receipt of the request.

12. The provisions of this Agreed Protective Order will not terminate at the conclusion of this litigation. Within 30 days after final conclusion of all aspects of this litigation, confidential documents and all copies of same (other than exhibits of record) shall be returned to the producing party's attorney or destroyed. All counsel of record shall provide an affidavit to the producing party's attorney certifying compliance herewith within 60 days of the final conclusion of all aspects of this litigation.

13. This Agreed Protective Order may be modified by the Court *sua sponte* or upon motion of the parties for good cause shown.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

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Judge

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A**  
**NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare as follows:

1. I understand that the information and/or documents to be provided to me identified as confidential are subject to an Agreed Protective Order in the action titled *Ashfaq Hussain Syed, Shelly Renee Branch, A.M.S., by Next Friend Ashfaq Hussain Syed, and N.G.S., by Next Friend Ashfaq Hussain Syed vs. Frontier Air Lines, Inc.; Hallmark Aviation Services, L.P.*, case number 4:20-cv-00407-AGF, pending in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri (“this litigation”) and constitute confidential information that is to be used only for purposes of this litigation. I understand that such information is not to be disclosed by me to anyone and is not to be used for any purpose other than as described above.

2. I have read the Agreed Protective Order entered in this litigation and agree to be bound by its terms. I understand that I may not in any way disseminate any confidential information received by me in the course of this litigation in any way not prescribed by the Agreed Protective Order. I further understand that upon conclusion of this litigation, I must return or destroy all copies of confidential information in my possession. I also understand that I may not retain any copies of confidential information I receive in the course of this litigation.

3. I hereby submit to the jurisdiction of any court within the United States that may otherwise have jurisdiction over this litigation and/or any proceedings to enforce the terms of the Agreed Protective Order against me, whether by way of contempt of court, by a civil action for injunction and monetary damages, or otherwise.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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